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# Properties of black Y<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> sintered bodies

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### **Abstract**

Black  $Y_2O_3$  pieces are obtained by heating in a reducing atmosphere, and they have some properties other types of  $Y_2O_3$  do not have. In this study, hardness, transmittance and thermoluminescence of black  $Y_2O_3$  sintered pieces are investigated.

The Knoop hardness numbers of the black  $Y_2O_3$  pieces vary from 615 to 804 kg/mm<sup>2</sup>, and the average hardness number is 699 kg/mm<sup>2</sup>, which is nearly equal to that of a colorless piece. In-line transmittances of the dark  $Y_2O_3$  pieces in the  $0.2\sim11$  µm wavelength are lower than those of colorless pieces. The trap level of the black  $Y_2O_3$  pieces is 1.22 eV.

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